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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER INTERVIEW ON 30TH UNGA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON HAS OFFERED PREVIEW OF HIS UNGA ADDRESS IN AN INTERVIEW GIVEN TO THE STOCKHOLM DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET (CONSERVATIVE). ACCORDING TO ANDERSSON, SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS "OVERSHOT THE MARK" IN HIS CHARACTERIZATION OF THE CONDUCT OF THE SMALL STATE MAJORITY IN THE UNGA. HE DESCRIBES AS "DEPLORABLE" THE US VETO OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS "PUNISHING" THE VIETNAMESE STATES ONLY BECAUSE SOUTH KOREA DID NOT BECOME A MEMBER. ANDERSSON STRESSED OPPOSITION TO EXPULSION OF ISRAEL.
END SUMMARY.

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2. ACCORDING TO ANDERSSON, THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE BEFORE

THE 30TH UNGA WILL NOT BE THE MID-EASTPROBLEM, WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO BE "LESS ACUTE" THAN EARLIER, BUT THE DEMANDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR "ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE." WHILE DESCRIBING THE UN AS AN "INDISPENEABLE ORGAN" FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, ANDERSSON RECOGNIZED THAT THE WORLD ORGANIZATION WILL HAVE TO BE REFORMED. HE ALLUDED TO "FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS" TO REFORM THE UN, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT SYG TO "COORDINATE ACTIVITIES ON THE EOCNOMIC AND SOCIAL LEVEL, TO ORGANIZE MINISTERS' MEETINGS, AND TO ESTABLISH SMALL NEGOTIATION GROUPS."

3. INTERVIEWER ASKS ANDERSSON'S REACTION TO KISSINGER'S REFERENCE TO "TERROR" OF SMALL STATES AGAINST GREAT POWERS. (REFERENCE TO "TERROR," RATHER THAN TO "OFF ZJ" IS REPEATED TWICE IN INTERVIEW). IN RESPONSE, ANDERSSON STATES THAT SECRETARY "OVERSHOT THE MARK" SINCE, IN ANDERSSON'S VIEW, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE STATE, ONE VOTE. "ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE," ANDERSSON CLAIMED, ADDING THAT BALANCE IS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE GREAT POWERS HAVING A SEAT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHERE THEY POSSESS THE VETT POWER. ANDERSSON ALSO TERMED THE US VETO OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM AS "DEPLORABLE," CLAIMING THAT THE US WAS "PUNISHING" THEM BECAUSE SOUTH KOREA WAS NOT ADMITTED.

4. ANDERSSON PROMISED THAT THE NORDIC STATES WOULD STRIVE FOR CONTINUED ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN. SHOULD ISRAEL BE EXPELLED, HE SAID, IT WOULD CAUSE A "DEEP CRISIS" FOR THE WORLD ORGANIZATION AND "PARALYZE" ALL ACTIVITIES.

5. ACCORDING TO INTERVIEWER, ANDERSSON SPEECH HAS BEEN WORKED ON BY ABOUT TEN PEOPLE SUPERVISED BY HANS DAHLGREN, FORMER TV REPORTER RECRUITED TO MFA LAST YEAR TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ANDERSSON AND ANDERS THUNBORG. INTERVIEWER DESCRIBES ANDERSSON AS SAYING DRAFT SUBJECTED TO HIGH LEVEL REVIEW BECAUSE "A WRONG TERM MAY HIT BACK AT US LATER, SO YOU HAVE TO BE GUARDED." END UNCLASSIFIED

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6. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF THE GENERAL LINE HE WILL TAKE IN HIS SPEECH TO THE UNGA. ANDERSSON'S DOWNPLAYING OF THE DANGER OF THE "TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY" IN THE UN SEEMS TO BE AT VARIANCE WITH THE SPEECH GIVEN (TO THE 29TH UNGA) BY GOS UN AMBASSADOR RYDBECK IN DECEMBER 1974 WARNING OF THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO THE WORLD ORGANIZATION OF VOTING UNENFORCEABLE RESOLUTIONS.

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